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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: RHODESIAN CONSULTATION: INFORMING THE GRZ

REF: STATE 104968

1. CHARGE CALLED ON KAUNDA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT CHONA MAY 10
TO INFORM HIM ON RHODESIAN CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL). CHONA
PROMISED TO BRIEF THE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY.

2. CHONA'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSED NEXT STEPS ON RHODESIAN
WAS FAVORABLE. PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD RECOGNIZED ALL ALONG THE
NEED FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN A PROCESS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO
AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA. BRITISH HAD TO BE LED, OR MORE
CORRECTLY PUSHED, BY SOMEONE STRONGER THAN THEY. U.S. PARTICI-
PATION IN RHODESIAN CONSULTATIONS WOULD GIVE THEM WEIGHT.
CONSULTATION APPROACH IS THE CORRECT ONE. ADVANCE CONSULTA-
TIONS WOULD HELP TO AVOID CALLING OF AN AMORPHOUS CONFERENCE
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WHERE NOT EVEN THE ISSUES WERE DEFINED IN ADVANCE. THE
ENTIRE CONSTITUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT THROUGH PRELIMINARY
CONSULTATIONS AND THEN A CONFERENCE COULD ACT AS A RUBBER
STAMP. CHONA EXPRESSED SPECIAL SATISFACTION OVER THE
BRITISH DECISIONS TO MOVE TOWARDS A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE.
BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CONSTITUTION
MEANS THEY HAVE FINALLY RECOGNIZED THAT RHODESIA IS THEIR

COLONY AND THAT THEY HAVE SPECIAL DUTIES TOWARDS THAT COLONY. THIS, HE SAID, WAS AN ELEMENT LACKING AT GENEVA.

3. CHONA'S ONE POINT OF CLEAR CONCERN WAS THAT THE PROCESS OF GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO ZIMBABWE WOULD BE DRAGGED OUT. HE SAID GRAHM HAD LEFT HIM WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE EARLIEST DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE WOULD BE DECEMBER 1978. THIS WAS TOO LONG TO WAIT; TOO MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE KILLED. WHAT WAS U.S. THINKING AS TO A TIME FRAME?

COMMENT: CHONA TRACKED BETTER THAN SOMETIMES AND THIS TIME WE BELIEVE HE IS CORRECTLY REFLECTING KAUNDA'S VIEW.
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